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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON SHOOTINGS AT ZAPU HEADQUARTERS

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1. PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA DECEMBER 23
CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY ON LOCAL REACTION TO RECENT
SHOOTING INCIDENTS (REFTEL) AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS OF ZAPU IN LUSAKA. HEADLINED "ZAPU
HOUSE IS PEACE THREAT," THE ARTICLE STATES THAT
THE "INTERNECINE WARFARE" AMONG RIVAL ZAPU FACTIONS
IS ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD. THE ARTICLE QUOTES A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
DEPLORING THE INCIDENTS, INCLUDING ONE MAN WHO SAID
THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED THE
HEADQUARTERS TO BE LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA.
ALSO FEATURED ARE COMMENTS BY SEVERAL PEOPLE STRONGLY
CRITICIZING THE BEATINGS GIVEN BY ZAPU MEMBERS TO
A TIMES TEAM COVERING THE SECOND INCIDENT.

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2. COMMENT: ZAMBIA IN THE PAST HAS SUFFERED FROM
THE EFFECTS OF RIVALRIES WITHIN AND BETWEEN
VARIOUS LIBERATION GROUPS, DATING FROM SHOOTOUTS
BETWEEN ANGLOLAN GROUPS AND GOING UP GO AND BEYOND
THE CHITEPO ASSASSINATION. FOR THE MOST PART,
NATIONALIST TRAINING CAMPS HAVE BEEN MOVED AWAY
FROM URBAN AREAS (AND ESPECIALLY LUSAKA). THESE

LATEST MINI-BATTLES AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE REVIVE MEMORIES
OF PREVIOUS PROBLEMS AND MAY LEAD TO CALLS FOR AT
LEAST CLOSER SUPERVISION OF NATIONALIST ACTIVITIES,
IF NOT REMOVAL OF HEADQUARTERS FROM SUBURBAN
NEIGHBORHOODS. LOW

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